

City of Sandy Springs Board of Ethics Meeting held October 14, 2009.

Call to Order

Chairman Moffett called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Roll call and establishment of quorum

City Clerk Michael Casey called the roll.

Board Members Present: Glenn Moffett, Charles Maddrey, Andrew Heyward, Kirk Childs, and Richard Isenberg. **Alternate(s):** Ted Sandler

Staff and Representatives Present: Michael Casey

Approval of Meeting Agenda

Motion and Vote: Mr. Heyward moved to approve the Agenda as submitted. Mr. Isenberg seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Board of Ethics meeting minutes: July 8, 2009

Chairman Moffett questioned if there were any changes to the meeting minutes for July 8, 2009.

Charles Maddrey stated I had a chance to review the minutes yesterday. I think the substance of the minutes is correct, but there are slight grammatical changes I would like to make that do not in any way change the substance of the minutes.

Motion and Vote: Mr. Maddrey moved to approve the July 8, 2009 meeting minutes with grammatical changes. Mr. Childs seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports

Education Committee

Charles Maddrey stated that last month he checked with the City Clerk to see if the question and answer brochure had been sent out. The City Clerk responded back that everyone had received the brochure except for the four addresses he did not currently have. Mr. Maddrey stated that he had also inquired if there was any feedback concerning the brochures and at this time there had not been any. Mr. Maddrey stated that he had asked one of the City Council Members their feedback on the brochure and she stated that the brochure was well done, much needed and very helpful.

Mr. Maddrey stated the only thing left to do would be to check periodically through the City Clerk's office to insure that everyone that is supposed to have access to this does. The website has the ordinance on the front page and the city clerk's page and with the advice of the board it has been decided not to post the Q&A.

It was decided that City Clerk would be the local point of contact for distribution of ethics material for new board or committee members.

Motion and Vote: Mr. Maddrey moved to approve that the City Clerk be the local point of contact for distribution of ethics material for new board or committee members. Kirk Childs seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Charles Maddrey talked about the article in the AJC on the DeKalb County Board of Ethics. He pointed out a few interesting facts and some of their problems. DeKalb County has people on the board that have been waiting to be appointed for two years because they have problems getting a quorum. They don't have rooms for their meetings. They have no support whereas our board has a lot of support here in Sandy Springs. A lot of the case load in DeKalb is based on the finances of some of the members. Here in Sandy Springs, based on the City Attorney's recommendations, we took out a lot of the information about the member's finances when preparing the ordinance. Mr. Maddrey stated that he wanted to bring up the article to point out how well the Mayor and Council in Sandy Spring support this Board of Ethics.

Mr. Maddrey suggested that Mr. Sandler look at the minutes for the February 17, 2009 Council Meeting. In the minutes there are comments from Councilmember MacGinnitie and Councilmember Meinzen McEnerny about the ordinance and the City Managers response on why City Employees are not included. The key is the human relations department will be a separate contract company now.

It was suggested that everyone review the current Ethics Ordinance and By Laws to determine if there should be any revisions made this year. From time to time as a board the ordinance should be reviewed.

Andrew Heyward stated the language under people who are covered by the ordinance includes judicial which would say judges. The city attorney made it clear the ordinance does not include judges so that change needs to be made in the ordinance.

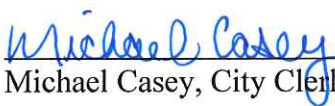
Old Business

New Business

Adjournment

Motion and Vote Charles Maddrey moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Isenberg seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:22 a.m.


Glenn Moffett, Chairman


Michael Casey, City Clerk